

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1. Claim 1 (currently amended): Laundry detergent compact comprising a pulverulent or granular laundry detergent composition and an incorporated disintegrant, said disintegrant ~~comprising~~
~~and optionally a coating~~
consisting of granules of finely divided cellulose material, wherein the cellulose material is compacted prior to its admixture to the laundry detergent composition and is present in the compact in the form of compacted granules having a density of from 0.5 to 1.5 g/cm³.

2. Claim 2 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 1, wherein the particle size of the cellulose material prior to compaction is from 40 µm to 60 µm.

3. Claim 3 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 1, wherein the compacted granules of the cellulose material have a particle size of from 0.2 to 6.0 mm.

4. Claim 4 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 3, wherein the compacted granules of the cellulose material have a particle size of from 0.4 to 1.5 mm.

5. Claim 5 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 2, wherein the weight fraction of the compacted cellulose material in the finished compact is from 3 to 6 percent.

Application No. 09/380,739
Amendment After Final dated August 8, 2003
Reply to Office Action of April 17, 2003

Claim 6 (currently cancelled).

Claim 7 (currently cancelled).

Claim 8 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 1, wherein the cellulose material present in the compact has a coating comprising a swelling agent and/or thickener.

Claim 9 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 1, wherein the cellulose material present in the compact has a coating comprising a surfactant.

Claim 10 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 9, wherein the compact comprises the surfactant in a weight fraction of from 0.5 to 2.0 percent of the finished compact.

Claim 11 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 1, wherein the compact comprises fibrillated cellulose material.

Claim 12 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 1, wherein the compact has been pressed from a mixture of the pulverulent or granular ingredients with the finely divided cellulose material in dry or earth-moist form.

Claim 13 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 1, wherein the

Application No. 09/380,739
Amendment After Final dated August 8, 2003
Reply to Office Action of April 17, 2003

cellulose material is comprises TMP (thermo-mechanical pulp).

11. Claim 14 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 1, wherein the cellulose material comprises is CTMP (chemo-thermo-mechanical pulp).

12. Claim 15 (previously amended): Laundry detergent compact according to Claim 1, wherein the largest dimension of the compact is from 1 to 10 cm.

13. Claim 16 (currently amended; previously added): A compacted detergent tablet, comprising a laundry detergent component and a disintegrant consisting of granules of compacted, finely-divided cellulose material, and optionally a coating, said granules having a particle size of from 200 µm to 6000 µm.

14. Claim 17 (previously added and amended): A tablet according to claim 16, wherein the granules of the cellulose material have a particle size of from 300 µm to 1500 µm.

Claim 18 (previously cancelled).

15. Claim 19 (currently amended; previously added): A tablet according to claim 16, wherein the cellulose material comprises is thermo-mechanical wood pulp.

16. Claim 20 (currently amended; previously added): A tablet according to claim 16, wherein the cellulose material comprises is chemo-thermo-mechanical wood pulp.

17. Claim 21 (previously added and amended): A tablet according to claim 16, wherein the cellulose

Ing 3 material ~~comprises~~ 3 to 6 wt % of the tablet.

31

18. Claim 22 (previously added and amended): A tablet according to claim 16, wherein ~~the cellulose~~

Jas. Jt material has a coating comprising a surfactant.

34

19. Claim 23 (previously added and amended): A tablet according to claim 22, wherein the surfactant

E 1 J ~~coating comprises~~ *is present in an amount of from* 0.5 to 5 wt % of the tablet.

20. Claim 24 (currently amended; previously added): A tablet according to claim 16, wherein the finely-

divided cellulose material ~~comprises~~ have cellulose particles having a particle size of 20 μm to 200 μm before compaction.

Claim 25 21. Claim 25 (currently amended; previously added): A tablet according to claim 16, wherein the finely-

divided cellulose material ~~comprises~~ have cellulose particles having a particle size of from 40 μm to 60 μm before compaction.

22. Claim 26 (previously added and amended): A process for making a tablet as claimed in claim 16

J which comprises pressing a mixture of the detergent *composition* ~~component~~ with the cellulose granules in a dry condition.

Application No. 09/380,739
Amendment After Final dated August 8, 2003
Reply to Office Action of April 17, 2003

E 1 23. Claim 27 (previously added and amended): A process for making a tablet as claimed in claim 16
E f which comprises pressing a mixture of the detergent ~~component~~^{composition} with the cellulose granules in a
moist condition.

~~REDACTED~~